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U.S. Utility Patent Application S/N: 10/600,411 for:

Title: LOAD-CARRIER LOADING APPARATUS  
FILED: June 20, 2003  
INVENTOR(s): Walter Winkler  
Examiner: Stephen Francis Gerrity  
Group Art Unit: 3721

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- 1 Transmittal Form (1 pg.);
- 2 Information Disclosure Statement w/Form PTO 1449 (3 pgs);
- 3 IDS References: 5 patents; 1 European search report;
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STATEMENT**

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Filed:	June 20, 2003
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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicant(s) hereby make of record the references listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application.

This Information Disclosure Statement:

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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i) and MPEP § 609 III (A)(3), Applicant submits an English translation of a German office action that provides a concise explanation of the relevance of the submitted German and Swiss patents that satisfies the requirement under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i).

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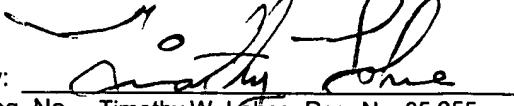
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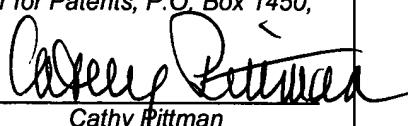
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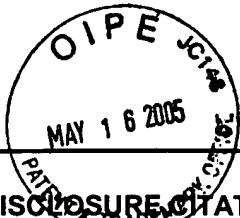
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## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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		Search Report from European Patent Office dated March 18, 2005 for copending European Patent Application S/N 04 00 6841
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